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Introduction

This liaison statement from the Common Criteria Interpretations Management Board (CCIMB) provides a response to the ISO WG3 liaison statement to the CCIMB from the October 1998 WG3 meeting in Itacurussa (WG3 N465). It is being e-mailed to WG3 experts via the WG3 Convenor for their information about the recent activities of the CC project.

The CCIMB thanks ISO/SC27/WG3 for the proposals and contributions made in the document N465.

1. WG3 Liaison Statement to the CCIMB (WG3 N465)

The CCIMB offers responses to the following points noted in the liaison statement.

a. Editorial Changes to the FCDs

The CCIMB welcomes the editorial changes made for the FDIS. When the IS is published, the CCIMB will review the changes with the intention of adopting the IS as an update of the CC.

b. Criteria Maintenance

The CCIMB has received detailed information about the ISO maintenance rules and will make use of it for its CC maintenance process. The CCIMB has begun processing Requests for Interpretation. The interpretations will be available under the Common Criteria Support Environment (CCSE), cf. 3.

c. Study Period for an evaluation methodology

The CC project welcomes that WG 3 will look into options on how to appropriately cover aspects of an evaluation methodology in the standardisation process. The CC project supports this approach by providing appropriate contributions from the Common Methodology for Information Technology Security Evaluation (CEM). So the WG 3 experts were informed in February 1999 that version 0.6 of Part 2 of the CEM covering PP, ST, and TOE evaluations up to EAL4 has been published.

The CC project proposes to give a presentation about the status and current content of the CEM on the occasion of the upcoming Madrid WG 3 meeting.

2. Protection Profile development

The CC project organisations are able to register in their interim registers more PPs, which have been developed by a variety of authors. They have different status with respect to endorsement in line with the current WD for PP registration. These will be of interest to the WG 3 experts, because they represent applications of the criteria in various areas of IT. Additional to those websites published in annex A of ISO/IEC 15408-1, PPs can be found in the recently established website of the French CC organisation SCSSI with the address <http://www.scssi.gouv.fr> .

3. Common Criteria Support Environment

The Common Criteria Support Environment (CCSE) will provide support services for CC users . These services will include downloading documents, commenting the criteria, providing interpretations of the criteria, providing translations of the criteria, setting up discussion fora etc. These services are evolving to include more and more options for exploration. A prototype version of the CCSE can be found at <http://ccse.cesg.gov.uk> .

4. Translations of the criteria

The translations of the CC into French and German are in their final phases, but additional control and approval processes are still necessary. As soon as they have reached their final state, they will be published on the websites of the involved Canadian, French and German CC project organisations.